The steps taken to prevent rape cases and to ensure conviction of accused persons include (a) establishment of a Crime Against Women Cell; (b) setting up of Rape Crises Intervention Centres in all the nine Police Districts; (c) association of Women Police Officers in investigation of rape cases; (d) setting up of three Special Courts headed by women judges; (e) networking with Non-Governmental organisations; (f) deployment of staff in plain clothes; (g) starting of dedicated telephone helplines; and (h) constitution of 'Women Mobile Team' to attend to distress calls from women on round-the-clock basis.

Separate Ministries/Deptts. in States for Calamity Management

1348. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States where separate Ministries/Departments have been created for calamity management;

(b) the details of amount provided to these Ministries/Departments during the last two years;

(c) whether any norm has been formulated to identify the works to be done under calamity management; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to assure the compliance of these norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and the Andaman & Nicobar Administration have re-designated their existing Relief and Rehabilitation/Revenue Departments so as to include Disaster Management in the names of these departments. The Government of Nagaland have re-designated the Relief and Rehabilitation branch in their Home Department as the Relief, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Branch. The Government of Uttranchal have created a Department of Disaster Management.

(b) The Central Government have not provided any financial support for the creation/re-designation of these departments.

(c) Government of India have issued guidelines to State Govts./UT Administrations recommending, *inter alia,* implementation of institutional measures for coordinated action towards prevention, mitigation, preparedness and response to disasters, setting up of specialized search and rescue teams, training and awareness generation at different levels, developing fire services as multi-hazard response units, setting up of control rooms with standby communication systems, drawing up of hazard specific disaster management plans, mainstreaming disaster mitigation aspects in all development projects, ensuring adherence to BIS standards/ codes in construction of buildings in seismic zones III, IV & V, constructing/earmarking cyclone and flood shelters, maintaining an on-line inventory of resources etc.

(d) Regular inter-action is maintained with State Governments to monitor the steps taken by them to strengthen their capacity for disaster management. 169 most hazard prone districts in 17 States are being assisted under the Government of India-UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme in capacity building, awareness generation and preparation of disaster management plans at State/District/Block/Village/Ward/Urban Local Bodies levels. The State Governments have been allowed to utilize upto 10% of the annual allocation made to their Calamity Relief Fund for purchase of equipments for the specialist Search and Rescue teams. The State Governments have also been permitted to utilize the funds made available under the modernization of police forces scheme for equipping the Control Rooms at State/District levels. Technical and logistic support to facilitate action by States in pursuance of the guidelines issued by the Government is also being provided.

Leaxage of question paper for recruitment of CRPF personnel

1349. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a test for recruitment of CRPF personnel which was to be held at Hyderabad in January last was cancelled due to leakage of the question paper;

(b) if so, whether the same test was cancelled at other centres also;

(c) whether an inquiry into the leakage of the question paper has been held; and